## GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT – Allegations of certain irregularities against Smt. Ch. Vimala Devi, Asst. Social Welfare Officer (Retd.), E.G. District – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of the A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Articles of charges – Issued.

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#### SOCIAL WELFARE (SER.II.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 928 DATED: 06-11-2010

### **ORDER:**

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under Sub-clause (1) of clause (b) of Sub-Rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Smt. Ch. Vimala Devi, vide G.O.Ms.No.927 SW (SER.II.1) Dept., dated 04-11-2010, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt. Ch. Vimala Devi, Asst. Social Welfare Officer (Retd.), E.G. District, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

- 2. The substance of the imputations of irregularities in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed Statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of irregularities in support of each of the Article of Charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).
- 3. Smt. Ch. Vimala Devi, Asst. Social Welfare Officer (Retd.), E.G. District is directed to submit her written statement of defence, within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order.
- 4. Smt. Ch. Vimala Devi, Asst. Social Welfare Officer (Retd.), E.G. District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the Article of Charge.
- 5. Smt. Ch. Vimala Devi, Asst. Social Welfare Officer (Retd.), E.G. District is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against her ex parte.
- 6. Attention of Smt. Ch. Vimala Devi, Asst. Social Welfare Officer (Retd.), E.G. District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interests in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt. Ch. Vimala Devi, Asst. Social Welfare Officer (Retd.), E.G. District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

# (BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

# J.RAYMOND PETER PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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Smt. Ch. Vimala Devi, Asst. Social Welfare Officer (Retd.), E.G. District (Through the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad)

#### Copy to:

The Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, with a request to serve the articles of charge on the Charged Officer and return the served copy to Government for record. SF/SC's.

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#### ANNEXURE-I

# STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHAGES AGAINST SMT. CH. VIMALA DEVI, ASST. SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (RETD.), E.G. DISTRICT

Smt. Chinna Vimala Devi, W/o Bathula Babu Rao, Age 58 years, C/SC, Assistant Social Welfare, Tuni, East Godavari District joined in Government service in Social Welfare department on 09-07-1973 as Hostel Warden Grade-II and worked at Razole, Rajahmundry, Tuni, Kakinada, Divili, Prathipadu and Pithapuram of East Godavari District. Subsequently she was promoted as Assistant Social Welfare Officer and posted as ASWO, Tuni on 08-06-2008 and while working as Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Tuni from 08-06-2008 to 29-12-2009 she committed grave misconduct by noting found correct in attendance register, without physical verification of boarders who actually present in the Hostel and failed to supervise the S.C. Girls Hostel, Prathipadu and to facilitate in misappropriation of Govt. Funds by the Hostel Welfare Officer.

Thus Smt. Chintha Vimaladevi, W/o Bathula Babu Rao, Age 58 years, C/SC, Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Tuni, East Godavari District by her above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Public Servant and lack of supervision and thereby contravened Rule3(1) (2) & (5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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#### ANNEXURE-II

# STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. CH. VIMALA DEVI, ASST. SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (RETD.), E.G. DISTRICT

Smt. Chintha Vimaladevi, W/o Bathula Babu Rao, Age 58 years, C/S.C. Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Tuni, East Godavari District. She is a native of Dindi village Malkipuram Mandal. Her date of birth is 04-07-1952. She joined in Government service in Social Welfare Department on 09-07-1973 as Hostel Warden Grade-II and worked at Razole, Rajahmundry, Tuni, Kakinada, Divili, Prathipadu and Pithapuram of East Godavari District. Subsequently she was promoted as Assistant Social Welfare Officer on 08-06-2008 and posted at Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Tuni on 08-06-2008. While working as ASWO, Tuni from 18-06-2008 to 29-12-2009 she committed grave mis-conduct by noting found correct in attendance register, without physical verification of boarders who actually present in the Hostel and failed to supervise the S.C. Girls Hostel, Prathipadu and to facilitate in misappropriation of Govt. Funds by the Hostel Welfare Officer. She was due to retire from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31-07-2010. She is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

On credible information that Smt. T.Subba Lakshmi, Hostel Welfare Officer, S.C.Girls Hostel, Prathipadu (V) (M), East Godavari District mis-appropriating the Govt. funds by marking present to the absentee boarders who were not present in the Hostel and also committing irregularities in maintenance of Hostel i.e., Menu of boarders and other arrangements to the boarders. As such after observing all legal formalities a Surprise check was conducted on the S.C. Girls Hostel, Prathipadu on 29-12-2009 from 9.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs by the District Inspector, ACB, Rajahmundry Kakinada in the presence of respectable mediators viz: 1) Kondavali Lakshmi Narayana Setty, S/o K.Ammanna Setty Age. 38 years, Senior Asst. O/o Asst. Commissioner, Endowments, Rajahmundry, R/o City Hospital Road, Danavaipet, Rajahmundry 2) Velumuri Veera Vijaya Kumar, S/o V.Veerabhadra Rao, Age 48 years, Draughtsman, Gr.II, O/o Dy.Director, Ground Water Department, Rajahmundry, R/o Laxmi Narasimha Nagar, Dowaleswaram, East Godavari District.

During the Surprise check on verification of the certain records relating to the maintenance of the above hostel and found there some of the irregularities committed by Smt. T.Subba Lakshmi, Hostel Welfare Officer and as the Hostel Welfare Officer not given proper explanation about the irregularities committed by her, the District Inspector ACB, Kakinada secured the connected records for verification in the presence of mediators under the cover of Surprise check report. During the surprise check the Inspector, ACB, Kakinada examined the hostel boarders and other staff of the Hostel who were present at the time of Surprise check. After verification of the boarders attendance register and the School attendance register of Z.P. High School, Prathipadu and provisions stock registers and other records of the hostel and information obtained from Head Master, Z.P. High School, Prathipadu. Smt. T.Subba Lakshmi, Hostel Welfare Officer committed grave mis-conduct and drew Govt. Funds amounting to Rs. 24,719-25 by marking present to the absentee boarders for 1433 days from June-2009 to December-2009 also mis utilized the provisions worth Rs.1,441-50 and drew an amount of Rs.7,870-80 by not providing Eggs and Ragi Malt with buttermilk as per Menu to the boarders. Hence an amount of Rs.24,719-25 + Rs.1,441-50 + Rs.7,870-80 = Rs.34,032/- which was mis-appropriated by the Hostel Welfare Officer during June-2009 to December-2009 and also failed to follow the instructions issued by the Director, Social Welfare, A.P. Hyderabad and failed to maintain some of the records and also failed to mark the leave/absent to the boarders who were not present in the Hostel and failed to attend to Hostel at 6.00 A.M. Smt. Chintha Vimaladevi inspected the above Hostel once in every month and noted as found correct in boarders attendance register without physical verification of boarders who actually present in the Hostel and failed to supervise the S.C.Girls Hostel, Prathipadu and to facilitate in misappropriation of Govt. Funds by the Hostel Welfare Officer.

Thus Smt. Chintha Vimala Devi, Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Tuni, East Godavari District by her above-mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct un-becoming of Government Servant exhibited lack of supervision and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) (2) & (5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

The Government Servant has therefore rendered herself liable for regular department action for appropriate penalty.

J.RAYMOND PETER
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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## ANNEXURE-III LIST OF WITNESSES

- 1) Kodavali Lakshmi Narayana Setty, S/o K.Ammanna Setty Age 38 years, Senior Asst. O/o Asst. Commissioner, Endowment, Rajahmundry, R/o City Hospital Road, Danavaipet, Rajahmundry
- 2) Velumuri Veera Vijaya Kumar, S/o V.Veerabhadra Rao, Age 48 years, Draughtsman, Gr.II, O/o Dy. Director, Ground Water Department, Rajahmundry, R/o Laxmi Narasimha Nagar, Dowleswaram, East Godavari District.
- 3) Head Master, Z.P. High School, Prathipadu (V) (M), East Godavari District.
- 4) Sri S.Murali Mohan, Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Rajahmundry, Range, Rajahmundry.
- 5) Any other witness who may be examined during enquiry.

# ANNEXURE-IV LIST OF DOCUMENTS

- 1. Surprise check report drafted at S.C.Girls Hostel, Prathipadu (V) & (M) East Godavari District dt. 29-12-2009.
- 2. Boarders Attendance Registers of S.C.Girls Hostel, Prathipadu, E.G.District for the month of June-2009 to December-2009.
- 3. Copy of Attendance Registers of 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> class of Z.P. High School, Prathipadu for the month of June-2009 to December-2009.
- 4. Provisions Stock Registers of S.C.Girls Hostel, Prathipadu for the month of June-2009 to December-2009.
- 5. Any other documents that may be required during the enquiry.

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